interest, the Government shall satisfy itself that there is no over-drawal on the interest suspense account as a result of the debit thereto of the inerest credited to the accounts of the members. Keeping this in view, the Government have been deciding the rate of interest from time to time. Therefore, it may not be possible to make the interest rates uniform.

Mapping of resources in remote and inaccessible areas of NER

†*387. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the mapping of resources in the remote and inaccessible areas of North-East is being done through satellites by using remote sensing techique;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether Government are considering to make any special provision to carry out this task; and

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Satellite-based Remote Sensing technology is being effectively used for mapping of natural resources in the country including the remote and inaccessible areas of North Eastern Region. Department of Space has established North-Eastern Space Applications Centre (NE-SAC) at Shillong with state-of-the-art infrastructure for space technology utilisation. NE-SAC has carried out a number of projects using remote sensing technology in the area of natural resources management, such, as Integrated Development of Horticulture, Biodiversity characterization at landscape level, Rapid Assessment Survey of Hydro-electric Project Sites, Integraed Development of Satar Mianar Hour Wetlan Rice Ecosystem, Citrus Decline Study, landslide hazard zonation mapping of Shillong-Silchar-Aizwal etc.

The outcome of these activities is being provided to respective State Governments in the region for optimum utilisation of natural resources. In addition, State Remort Sensing Applications Centre in Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura are also carrying out similar projects of relvenace to States, themselves, using satellite-based remote sensing technology.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) and (d) Does not arise.

Rohini Residential Scheme of DDA

*388. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Rohini Residential Scheme, 1981 of DDA envisaged allotment of 90 sq.mt. plots in MIG category;

(b) if so, the number of 90 sq.mt. plots allotted and date of last allotment;

(c) whether it is also a fact that later on, an option was given to applicants to opt for 60 sq. mt. plots for early allotments;

(d) if so, whether any 90 sq.mt. plots were allotted after calling the options; and

(e) if not, the purpose of calling options if all plots of only of 60 sq.mt. were to be allotted and the reasons for disturbing priority list by making out of turn allotment?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) The Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has stated that the Rohini Residential Scheme, launched in 1981, envisaged allotment of 90 sq.mt. & 60 sq. mt. plots in MIG category. The registrants were allowed to exercise their options for the size of the plots in order of their preference for 90/60 sq. mt.

(b) Under the Scheme, 4063 plots of 90 sq. mtrs. have been allotted. The date for last allotment is 29.3.1996.

(c) to (e) The DDA has informed that no option was given to the applicants for 60 sq. mt. plots. However, due to paucity of land, a decision was taken and published in newspapers on 1.11.1999, to restrict the size of plots to 60 sq. mt. for the registrants of MIG category, irrespective of their option for 90 sq. mt. plots at the time of registration. Thus after 1.11.1999, 90 sq. mt. plots have not been allotted. A common priority list was prepared for MIG category, which included both 90 sq. mt. & 60 sq. mt. applicants. The waiting registrants of 90 sq. mt. plots under MIG category, who could not be allotted plosts due to non-availability of 90 sq. mt. plots, were therefore, considered first for allotment of 60 sq. mtr.